

# Senate Republicans' Solutions for Government Reform & Budget Savings



1. Capture the **state auditors' proposed** savings!
2. **K-12 financing reform** (SB 6858)
3. A new approach to **higher education** that maintains quality, access and affordability (SB 6625)
4. Reopen **collective bargaining agreements** (through a governor's declaration)
5. Jump-start job growth by providing a **B&O tax exemption** for new employers (SB 6645; SB 6057)
6. Finally start using **competitive contracting** to ensure state services are provided in the most cost-effective way possible (SB 5409)
7. Hold a **special session** in December 2009 during Committee Assembly; address our budget crisis early to capture the most possible savings
8. Adopt the state actuary's recommendations on **pension funding** (SB 5304)
9. **Higher education** access (SB 6156)
10. **Basic Health Plan** eligibility reform (SB 6154)
11. **Developmentally disabled youth** or movie tax credit? (SB 6153)
12. **General Assistance-Unemployable** reform (SB 6155)
13. **Bilingual education** reform (utilize RCW 28A.180.080)
14. **Pension** policy – defined contribution model (SB 6045)
15. **Pension** policy – preserve full funding status (SB 6046)
16. Put **extraordinary revenue growth** into rainy day fund (SJR 8209)

**36. Twenty ideas** that will save \$810 million (*amendment to ESHB 1624, "mini-supplemental"*), including:

- Stopping the transfer of **tobacco settlement** funds to the Life Sciences Discovery Fund
- Terminating state **anti-smoking** expenditures
- Implementing more stringent **welfare reform** sanctions
- Rolling back recent **vendor rate increases**
- Deporting **undocumented offenders**
- More frequent verification of **children's health care** eligibility
- Freezing enrollment in the **Basic Health Plan**
- Maintaining eligibility for **children's health coverage** at 250% of federal poverty level
- Stopping the state subsidy of career **higher education students**

**37. Discretionary maintenance** items (*savings of \$525 million*)

**38. Learning improvement** days (*\$123 million*)

**39. Eliminate** state funding of **all-day kindergarten** (*\$84 million*)

**40. Eliminate health coverage** for children of undocumented immigrants (*\$61 million*)

**41. Streamline sales tax mitigation** payments (*\$65 million*)

**42. Examine free & reduced-price lunch** fraud (*Tens of millions, possibly higher*)

**43. Liquor sales** profit sharing (*\$52 million*)

**44. Corrections** reform (*\$25 million to \$50 million*)

**45. Tort** reform (*\$40 million*)

**46. Higher education**; non-instruction reduction, plus offset state support with tuition increase (*\$150 million*)

**47. Initiative 728**; limit spending to class size reduction efforts (*\$364 million*)

**48. Freeze legislative and judicial budgets** (*\$23 million*)

**49. CTED** assorted activities (*\$37 million*)

**50. Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction** – central programs (*\$48 million*)

**51. Economic services** changes (*\$20 million*)

**52. Implement** a state **hiring freeze!**

**53. Examine** growth in the **governor's office** – it's nearly doubled in four years!

**54. A new approach to property tax relief** (*SJR 8226*)

**55. Senate Republicans** – first to propose the **Rainy Day Fund!** (*SJR 8200*)